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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Ad Hoc Requirements Committee Comments
on Priorities

1. Urala and KAPUSTIN YAR. (Reference: SC-03932/57, 19 August 1957, attached as Tab A.) Either area alone justifies the mission.

2. Long range bomber count and production targets. (Reference: SC-04870/57, 19 August 1957, attached as Tab B.) It is noted that UKRAINA is accessible readily from Base C. Whereas ideally the greatest benefit would derive from the coverage of all fifteen airfields simultaneously, simultaneous coverage of the first three targets and as far down the list as possible will result in a real increment to our ability to make a BISON-BEAR count.

3. A return to KZYL ORDA to achieve objectives incompleated for reason of camera malfunction or cloud cover is recommended if feasible, but we do not consider such coverage to rank in importance with pioneer coverage indicated in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

4. Coverage of China is recommended if operationally feasible but ranks lower than all the foregoing. (It is noted that UKRAINA is a high priority target in connection with the bomber problem and would likely have to be covered from Base C.)

5. While a return to VALDAY, MOZHAYSK, and KLYUCHI is considered very important, missions having these as their principal or corollary objectives would rank lower than pioneer coverage indicated in paragraphs 1 and 2 but higher than paragraphs 3 and 4 on a requirements basis and not taking into account operational readiness and the feasibility with regard to current but short-lived staging ability out of

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Attachments

Tabs A and B - RMB's own copy.

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